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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Gough *et al.*

SERIAL NO.: 08/963,239

FILED: November 03, 1997

FOR: **MULTIPLE ANTENNA ABLATION
APPARATUS AND METHOD**

EXAMINER: Michael Peffley.

ART UNIT: 3739

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2001, please amend the drawings and claims in the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Fig. 1 as indicated in red ink in attached drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 47 to 52.

Please amend claim 53 as follows:

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53. (Amended) A method of volumetric ablation of tumorous tissue, comprising:
II providing a tissue ablation apparatus comprising an elongated delivery device having a tissue piercing distal end and a proximal end, at least one RF electrode having a tissue